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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/10/01 - 8/28/01.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 5/10/01 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. Claims 1-29 are presented for examination.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

or

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Cloutier et al. (Cloutier) patent no. 6,535,586.

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4. As to claim 15, Cloutier teaches the invention as claimed, including a mobile communication terminal (col. 3 line 62 - col. 4 line 14; wireless communication device 170), comprising:

receiving means for receiving a mail-arrival notifying signal to make a notice that an electronic mail arriving a prescribed mail server is an urgent mail (col. 4 line 61 - col. 5 line 23; col. 5 lines 40-60); and

transmitting means for transmitting an acquisition instructing signal to instruct acquisition of said urgent mail, to a prescribed information processing apparatus by radio communications for short distance, based on said mail-arrival notifying signal (col. 6 line 36 - col. 7 line 25).

5. As to claims 16-17, Cloutier teaches said receiving means receives said mail-arrival notifying signal over a public radio circuit network, and said receiving means receives said mail-arrival notifying signal from a prescribed mail-arrival monitoring apparatus which judges an electronic mail arriving said mail server, by radio communications for short distance (col. 2 lines 30-49; col. 3 lines 11-19).

6. As to claim 18, Cloutier teaches notifying means for notifying a user of arrival of said urgent mail, in response to said mail-arrival notifying signal received (col. 3 line 62 - col. 4 line 14).

7. As to claim 19, Cloutier teaches said transmitting means transmits said acquisition instructing signal including a Message-ID of an electronic mail that is judged as an urgent mail, included in said mail-arrival notifying signal (Abstract).

8. As to claim 20, Cloutier teaches said transmitting means transmits said acquisition instructing signal to a prescribed information processing apparatus by radio communications for short distance, in response to an operation button which is operated by a user to instruct transmission of said acquisition instructing signal (col. 2 lines 30-49; col. 6 line 36 - col. 7 line 25).

9. As to claims 1-14 and 21-29, limitations of claims 1-14 and 21-29 that are similar to limitations of claims 15-20 are being rejected under the same rationale. In additional, Cloutier teaches a mail server apparatus and mail arrival monitoring apparatus (col. 3 line 20 - col. 4 line 14).

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H. Luu, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9650. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia, can be reached at (703) 305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 746-7240.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Le Hien Luu', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

LE HIEN LUU  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

August 13, 2004

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